



Information Note

38th UNWTO Affiliate Members Plenary Session Yerevan, Armenia, 1-4 October 2016

The World Tourism Organization and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, will proudly present the 38th UNWTO Affiliate Members Plenary Session to be held in Yerevan, Armenia from 1- 4 October 2016.

1. DATES AND PLACES

Details on the plenary session's venues are provided below:

Day 1: Saturday, 1 October 2016

Participation in the Areni Wine Festival

The traditional Wine Festival takes place every year in the village of Areni

The festival program includes:

- Opening ceremony
- Armenian Wine-Makers' Fair
- Public and professional wine tasting
- Exhibition fair of traditional dishes, showcasing local cuisine
- Business Meetings
- National music, dance, games and theatre
- Art program, participation of amateur art groups

Contests:

- "Armenia in your eyes" best wine label contest
- "Gold Keg" prize for the best wine among the best wine-producers
- Homemade wine producers contest
- "The best souvenir of the festival"

Visit to the 6100-year-old Areni-1 winery, discovered in 2007 by a team of Armenian and Irish archaeologists in the Areni-1 cave complex in the village of Areni in the Vayots Dzor province of the Republic of Armenia .

Visit to the Khor Virap Monastery (4th C. AD.), located at Ararat plain. This monastery is one of the most popular destinations in Armenia for a number of reasons, primarily because it is where St. Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned. Visit the Monastery Noravank (13th C. AD.), located in a narrow gorge of river Amaghu in Vayots dzor region. The gorge is known for its tall, sheer, brick-red cliffs, directly across from the monastery.

Participation in the national celebration of the World Tourism Day 2016 in Armenia

Day 2: Sunday, 2 October 2016

- Sightseeing tour, including cultural program with local flavour
- Inaugural Dinner will be held at the nice view restaurant

Day 3 - 4: Monday - Tuesday, 3 - 4 October 2016

The Plenary Session will be held at:

Radisson Blu Hotel, Yerevan

Address: 2/2 Azatutyan ave, Yerevan, RA

Tel: +374 10 219 962

E-mail: hasmik.petrosyan@radissonblu.com

Website: www.radissonblu.com/hotel-yerevan

2. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

All delegates are encouraged to confirm their participation in the Plenary Session by registering online:

<http://affiliatemembers.unwto.org/webform/38th-unwto-affiliate-members-plenary-session>

The registration desk will be open at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Yerevan in 2 October from 14:00 p.m.

Badges will be issued to Plenary Session participants in their hotels to stay.

Participants are requested to wear their identification badges in the area reserved for the Plenary Session, as well as at all social events.

3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Participants in the Plenary Session are kindly requested to take note of conditions of entry into the territory of Armenia, which are as follows:

Visa NOT REQUIRED for traveling to Armenia:**Holders of any Type of Passport of the Following Countries:**

Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See (Vatican City), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau Special Administrative Region of China, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Azerbaijan*, Cyprus*, Kyrgyzstan*, Republic of Moldova*, Tajikistan*, Uzbekistan*.

Holders of Diplomatic, Service or Special Passport of the following Countries:

China** (*Diplomatic or Service Passport, or Passport for Public Affairs*), Egypt (*Diplomatic, Service or Special Passport only*), India** (*Diplomatic Passport only*), Iran (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), Kuwait (*Diplomatic or Special Passport only*), Lebanon (*Diplomatic, Service or Special Passport only*), Republic of Korea (South Korea) (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), Philippines (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), Serbia (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), Syria (*Diplomatic, Service or Special Passport only*), Turkmenistan (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), United Arab Emirates (*Diplomatic Passport only*), Singapore* (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*), Vietnam (*Diplomatic or Service Passport only*).

- * - The visa requirement waiver is practiced on ad hoc basis, and is not formalized by a bilateral agreement
- ** - Can apply to Embassy only
 - Cannot get visa upon arrival

Citizens of foreign countries for whom a visa-free regime is set can stay on the territory of the Republic of Armenia for no more than 180 days during one year if no other term is defined by the international agreements of the Republic of Armenia.

REQUIRED VISA for traveling to Armenia (Invitation or Note Verbal):Holders of any Type of Passport of the Following Countries:

Afghanistan, Algeria , Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros Islands, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Rwanda, Saint Helen's Island, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Holders of any Type of Passport of the Following Countries can apply only to any diplomatic or consular representation of RA:

China (with Diplomatic or Service Passport, or Passport for Public Affairs – no visa required)
India (with Diplomatic passport – no visa required)
Iraq

REQUIRED VISA for traveling to Armenia (E-visa or upon arrival):Holders of an Ordinary Passport of the Following Countries:

Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Democratic People's Republic of Korea /North Korea/, Republic of Korea /South Korea/, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar /Burma/, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Suriname, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, UAE, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen.

If you require a visa, you can access the eVisa online questionnaire here: <https://evisa.mfa.am/>

A passport valid for at least 3 months before expiry date is required for visitors of all nationalities.

More detailed information on visa requirements can be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia website: <http://mfa.am/en/visa/>

4. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Armenia has no vaccination requirements.

5. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Welcome reception at the airport and transfers

The Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia will arrange free transport for all participants on arrival and at departure from Zvartnots International Airport (<http://www.zvartnots.aero/>), as well as transport between their hotels and the meeting place. All participants are therefore requested to fill in the flight and accommodation details while registering for the Session.

Yerevan "Zvartnots" Airport representing the main air gate of the Republic of Armenia has been operating since 1961 and now is number one airport in South Caucasus. Zvartnots International Airport is situated just 12 km from the center of the capital of Armenia-Yerevan and geographically located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. "Zvartnots" International Airport offers direct flights to the following destinations: Air companies operating in Armenia:

Company		Departure from:
	Qatar Airways	Doha(DOH) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Air France	Paris(CDG) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Austrian Airlines	Vienna(VIE) - Yerevan(EVN)
	LOT Polish Airlines	Warsaw(WAW) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Aegean Airways	Athens(ATH) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Ukraine International Airlines	Kiev(KBP) - Yerevan(EVN)
		Odessa(ODS) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Aeroflot	Moscow(SVO) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Rossiya Airlines	Sochi(AER) - Yerevan(EVN)
		Saint Petersburg(LED) - Yerevan(EVN)
	UTair Aviation	Moscow(VKO) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Sibir Airlines	Moscow (DME)-Yerevan(EVN)
	Ural Airways	Moscow (DME)-Yerevan(EVN)
	Vim Avia	Moscow(DME) - Yerevan(EVN)
	FlyDubai	Dubai(DXB) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Air Arabia	Sharjah(SHJ) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Middle East Airlines	Beirut(BEY) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Mahan Air	Tehran(IKA) - Yerevan(EVN)

	Iran Aseman Airlines	Tehran(IKA) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Iranian Naft Airlines	Isfahan(IFN) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Georgian Airways	Tbilisi(TBS) - Yerevan(EVN)
	Al Naser Airlines	Baghdad (SDA) -Yerevan (EVN)
	Nord Wind	Moscow (DME)-Yerevan(EVN)
	Globus Airlines	Moscow (DME)-Yerevan(EVN)
	Taban Air	Isfahan (IFN) -Yerevan(EVN)
		Mashhad (MHD) -Yerevan(EVN)
		Tabriz (TBZ) -Yerevan(EVN)

6. ACCOMMODATION





The hotels listed below offer special discounted rates for the participants. Payment by credit card and bank transfer is acceptable. Participants are **highly recommended** to reserve accommodation at their earliest possible. As the special room rates have been obtained for delegates **till 20th of September**. Subsequent to the deadline, the hotels will not be able to guarantee special discounted rates and regular rates will be offered.



- The special rates are quoted per room, per night, inclusive of buffet breakfast and VAT.
- **Cancellation Policy:** free cancellation until 20th of September 2016.
- Payment will be made directly in the hotel. Payment with **VISA, MasterCard, Maestro, and American Express** is accepted. Credit cards are requested as a guarantee of the reservation. The following details are however to be provided to confirm the reservation:
 - Type of credit card
 - Expiry date
 - Cardholder's name and surname signature
- In the Republic of Armenia hotels are classified on voluntary basis. The star classification indicated reflects the class of the hotel as per the official classification by RA Ministry of Economy.
- Please consult the exchange rate provided by the Central Bank of Armenia here: <https://www.cba.am/en/SitePages/frates.aspx>

Other hotels with special discounted rates for the participants of the Plenary Session:

Hotel	Room type / features	UNWTO Special Rate	
		Single occupancy	Double occupancy
	Standard Room	65,000 AMD	75,000 AMD

 <p>Radisson Blu Hotel, Yerevan (Plenary Session venue) Address: 2/2 Azatutyan ave, Yerevan, RA Tel: +37410 219 962 E-mail: hasmik.petrosyan@radissonblu.com Website: https://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-yerevan</p>	<i>Superior Room</i>	81,000 AMD	89,000 AMD
	<i>Junior Suite</i>	111,000 AMD	119,000 AMD
	<i>Executive Suite</i>	155,000 AMD	163,000 AMD
	<i>One Bedroom Suite</i>	176,000 AMD	184,000 AMD
	<i>Royal Suite</i>	505,000 AMD	505,000 AMD
	<i>Presidential Suite</i>	1,100,000 AMD	1,100,000 AMD
 <p>Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan Address: 1 Amiryan street, Yerevan,0010,Armenia Tel: +374(10)599183 E-mail: narek.petrosyan@marriott.com Website: marriott.com/EVNMC</p>	<i>Standard Deluxe</i>	66,000 AMD	72,000 AMD
	<i>Superior Deluxe</i>	76,000 AMD	82,000 AMD
	<i>Executive Deluxe</i>	86,000 AMD	92,000 AMD
 <p>DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan City Centre Address: 4/2 Grigor Lusavorich, Yerevan Tel: +37411555333 E-mail: anush.mnatsakanyan@hilton.com Website: www.yerevancitycentre.doubletree.com</p>	<i>King Guest Room</i>	42,000 AMD	50,000 AMD
	<i>King Deluxe Room</i>	57,000 AMD	65,000 AMD
	<i>One Bedroom King Suite Room</i>	82,000 AMD	90,000 AMD
 <p>Royal Tulip Grand Hotel Yerevan Address: Abovyan 14 Yerevan,0010, Armenia Tel: +374 10 59 16 00 E-mail: sales@hotelyerevan.com Website: www.royaltulipgrandhotelyerevan.com</p>	<i>Standard Room</i>	68,000 AMD	72,000 AMD
 <p>Best Western Congress Hotel (4*) Address: 1st Italy Street, Yerevan,0010,Armenia Tel: (+374 10) 59 11 99 E-mail: sales@hotelcongressyerevan.com Website: www.congresshotelyerevan.com/bestwestern</p>	<i>Standard Single Room</i>	43,000 AMD	
	<i>Standard Double Room</i>	48,800 AMD	53,000 AMD

 ARARAT HOTEL Ararat Hotel (4*) Address: 7 Gr. Lusavorich str. 0015 Yerevan Tel: +374 60 51 10 00 E-mail: info@ararathotel.am Website: www.ararathotel.am	<i>Superior</i>	33,000 AMD	37,000 AMD
	<i>Family Suite (up to 4 pax)</i>	65,000 AMD	65,000 AMD
	<i>Executive Suite (up to 4 pax)</i>	95,000 AMD	95,000 AMD
 ANI PLAZA HOTEL Ani Plaza Hotel (4*) Address: 19 Sayat-Nova ave. Yerevan Tel: +374 10 589500 E-mail: sales@anihotel.am Website: www.anihotel.com	<i>Standard Single</i>	30,000 AMD	
	<i>Standard Double/Twin</i>		40,000 AMD
	<i>Ani King</i>	41,000 AMD	45,000 AMD
	<i>Junior Suite</i>	43,000 AMD	48,000 AMD
	<i>De Luxe</i>	49,000 AMD	49,000 AMD
	<i>Family Suite</i>	58,000 AMD	58,000 AMD
	<i>Panorama</i>	55,000 AMD	55,000 AMD
	<i>Semi Suite</i>	52,000 AMD	52,000 AMD
<i>Status Suite</i>	115,000 AMD	115,000 AMD	
 TUFENKIAN <small>HERITAGE HOTELS</small> Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel Address: 48 Hanrapetutyán st., Yerevan, 0010 Tel: +374 (10) 520911 +374 (93) 524341 E-mail: sales@tufenkian.am Website: www.tufenkian.am	<i>Standard room</i>	36.000 AMD	46.000 AMD
 HOTEL NATIONAL <small>ARMENIA</small> Hotel National Armenia Address: Amiryan 4/3, 0010, Yerevan, RA Tel: + 374 10 574 000 E-mail: reservation@hotelnational.am Website: www.hotelnationalarmenia.com	<i>Deluxe</i>	65,000 AMD	71,000 AMD
 IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL <small>*****</small> <i>Style, Comfort and Luxury</i> Imperial Palace Hotel (4*) Address: 23 Koryun Street Tel: (+374) 10 58 80 40 E-mail: sales@hotelimperial.am Website: www.hotelimperial.am	<i>Queen</i>	35,625 AMD	40,375 AMD
	<i>Twin</i>	35,625 AMD	40,375 AMD
	<i>King double</i>	40,375 AMD	45,125 AMD
	<i>Deluxe double/twin</i>	45,125 AMD	49,875 AMD
	<i>Imperial suite</i>	95,000 AMD	95,000 AMD

 Opera Suite Hotel (4*) Address: Baghramyan st 1 Lane 1-3, Yerevan, Tel: +374 11201000 E-mail: info@operasuitehotel.com Website: www.operasuitehotel.com	<i>Deluxe (33 sq/m)</i>	45,000 AMD	54,000 AMD
	<i>Suite (40-42 sq/m)</i>	54,000 AMD	64,000 AMD
	<i>Executive Suite (55sq/m)</i>	64,000 AMD	73,000 AMD
 Paris Hotel Yerevan (4*) Address: 4/6 Amiryán str., Yerevan 0010 Tel: +374 60 60 00 60 E-mail: info@parishotel.am Website: parishotel.am	<i>Standard category single/double</i>	50,150 AMD	50,150 AMD
	<i>Deluxe category single/double</i>	58,650 AMD	58,650 AMD
 Republica Hotel, Yerevan Address: Amiryán 7 /1, Yerevan Tel: +374 11 990000 E-mail: astghik.sargsyan@republicahotel.am Website: www.republicahotel.am	<i>Standard room</i>	51,000 AMD	57,000 AMD
	<i>Deluxe room</i>	61,000 AMD	67,000 AMD

7. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Plenary Session will be **Armenian, English, Spanish and Russian**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

8. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A social programme has been prepared for the participants and accompanying persons.

9. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

About Armenia: The Republic of Armenia is a sovereign, democratic, social and legal state. The state power is administered pursuant to the Constitution and the laws based on the principle of separation of the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Official Name: Republic of Armenia (RA), short: Armenia, in Armenian Hayastani Hanrapetoutyun

Capital City: [Yerevan](#)

Religion: the majority of the population professes to be Christian and the follower of the [Armenian Apostolic Church](#).

Exchange rate: The currency unit of the RA is **dram** (the international recognition of AMD), introduced in 1993. Currency can be officially changed in banks, exchange offices and hotels. For the exchange rates, please refer the website of Central Bank of RA www.cba.am/en/sitepages/frates.aspx

Credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, Maestro, American Express) are accepted in hotels and shops. Banks are open from 09:00 hrs to 18:00 from Monday to Friday. Some banks might also be open on Saturdays from 09:00 hrs to 14:00.

Official time: Standard time zone - UTC/GMT + 4 hours.

Climate: The average temperature in Yerevan in the month of October ranges from a low of 15° to a high of 24°

Official language: Armenian is the official language of the Republic of Armenia (belongs to the Indo-European family of languages). Russian and English are widely spoken.

Electric current: Armenia's electrical current is 220/50 (volts/hz). Primary Socket Type: Europlug, Schuko

Clothing: Participants are advised to take clothing suitable for mild autumn weather.

10. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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